

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
comprising:

data communication means for connecting to a communication
network, in which ~~where~~ accounting is made according to a
5 transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data
communication;

means for recognizing ~~the~~ a start and ~~the~~ an end of
transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective
data ~~to be transmitted/received~~;

10 means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from
the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of
objective data; ~~to be transmitted/received and to be recognized~~;

means for judging whether or not the measured
transmitted/received data amount ~~to be measured~~ has reached a
15 specified data amount; ~~and~~

means for, when it is judged that the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data
amount, warning a user ~~to that effect~~ the transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount; ~~and~~

20 means for, when it is judged that the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data
amount, temporarily suspending transmission/reception of the set

25 of objective data, receiving an instruction to resume or
terminate transmission/reception of the set of objective data
from the user, and resuming or terminating transmission/reception
of the set of objective data in accordance with the instruction.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
according to claim 1, wherein ~~data comprising plural~~ the set of
objective data comprises a plurality of packets to be
transmitted/received continuously based on ~~the basis of~~ an
5 instruction from a user ~~is recognized as the set of objective~~
~~data to be transmitted/received.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
according to claim 1, wherein the set of objective data is a set
of sub data that is recognized as the set of objective data based
on ~~the basis of~~ tag information, which is contained in ~~the~~
5 another set of objective data, ~~the tag information instructing~~
and which instructs the data communication terminal to read the
set of sub data.

5. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
~~according to claim 1, further~~ comprising:

data communication means for connecting to a communication network, in which accounting is made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data communication;

means for recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data;

means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective data;

means for judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data amount;

means for, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount; and

means for ~~optionally~~ setting an upper limit value ~~of the~~ corresponding to a maximum allowed data amount ~~with which a~~ for continuous transmission/reception of any set of objective data; ~~to be transmitted/received can be transmitted/received~~ continuously,

wherein the judgment ~~is made so~~ by the judging means is performed such that, when the set upper limit value is reached,

it is judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount.

6. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal according to claim ~~±~~ 5, wherein when transmission/reception of data is not suspended but continued after it is judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, the upper limit value ~~of the data amount with which a set of objective data to be transmitted/received can be transmitted/received continuously~~ is temporarily increased.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A data communication method, comprising:

connecting to a communication network, in which ~~where~~ charging is made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to start data communication;

recognizing ~~the~~ a start and ~~the~~ an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data ~~to be transmitted/received~~;

measuring a transmitted/received data amount ~~to be transmitted/received~~ from the start to the end of

transmission/reception of the set of objective data; ~~to be~~
~~transmitted/received and to be recognized;~~

judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received
data amount ~~to be measured~~ has reached a specified data amount;

15 and

when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user
to that ~~effect~~ the transmitted/received data amount has reached
the specified data amount; and

20 when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount, temporarily
suspending transmission/reception of the set of objective data,
receiving an instruction to resume or terminate transmission/
reception of the set of objective data from the user, and
25 resuming or terminating transmission/reception of the set of
objective data in accordance with the instruction.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording
medium that stores a program that ~~makes~~ is executable by a
computer to cause the computer to execute:

a process of connecting to a communication network, ~~where~~ in
5 which charging is made according to a transmitted/received data
amount, to carry out data communication;

a process of recognizing ~~the~~ a start and ~~the~~ an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data ~~to be transmitted/received;~~

10 a process of measuring a transmitted/received data amount ~~to be transmitted/received~~ from the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective data; ~~to be transmitted/received and to be recognized;~~

15 a process of judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received data amount ~~to be measured~~ has reached a specified data amount; ~~and~~

a process of, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user ~~to~~ that ~~effect~~ the transmitted/received
20 data amount has reached the specified data mount; and

a process of, when it is judged that the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data
amount, temporarily suspending transmission/reception of the set
of objective data, receiving an instruction to resume or
25 terminate transmission/ reception of the set of objective data
from the user, and resuming or terminating transmission/reception
of the set of objective data in accordance with the instruction.

11. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal comprising:

means for carrying out data communication ~~by use of~~ via a communication network selected ~~from among~~ between a communication network where accounting is made according to a data amount and a communication network where accounting is made according to connection time;

means for setting a limit amount of a communication charge;

means for calculating the communication charge required for data communication in real time ~~manners~~ according to the selected communication network;

means for judging whether or not the calculated communication charge has reached the limit amount of communication charge; ~~and~~

means for, when it is judged that the calculated communication charge has reached the limit amount, warning a user ~~to that effect~~ that the calculated communication charge has reached the limit amount; and

means for, when the calculated communication charge has reached the limit amount, (i) temporarily suspending transmission/reception of data when connected to the communication network where accounting is made according to the data amount, and waiting for an instruction to resume or terminate connection from a user, and (ii) terminating transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received without waiting for the instruction from the user when connected

to the communication network where accounting is made according
to the connection time.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
according to claim ~~12~~ 11, further comprising means for ending
communication connection immediately when terminating
transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received
5 without waiting for the instruction from a user, ~~in the case~~
when connected to the communication network where accounting is
made according to the connection time.